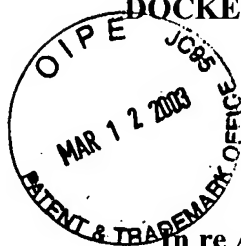


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 in the office action dated February 26, 2003, applicants provisionally elect Group I, consisting of claims 1-14 and 28 for examination. Applicants make no representations by this election regarding the merits of the restriction requirement, the scope of the originally presented claims, or the possible existence of multiple distinct inventions. Applicants agree to withdraw the claims of Group II, claims 15-27, without prejudice and reserve the right to file them in a later application.

Applicants respectfully submit that Groups I and II, as set forth by the examiner, are amenable to being examined without imposing a serious burden on the examiner. Accordingly, applicants request that the examiner reconsider this restriction requirement after an initial search

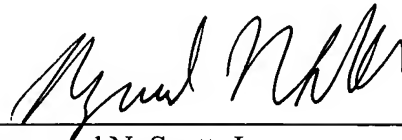
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has been conducted.

In view of the above, applicants respectfully request a notice of allowance. The examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney, Raymond N. Scott Jr. at (215) 564-8951, to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

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